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For: Formulation and Method for Reduction)
of Stress in Meat-Producing Animals)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 are not enclosed. Copies of other listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office. This IDS is intended to assist in placing the application in condition for instant allowance.

Applicants request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

The the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed less than three (3) months after the filing date of the subject application. Hence, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), and no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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	D5	Patent Abstracts of Japan; abstract of JP 2000256326 (Zongo Kusheuyuen Chendo, 09/19/00).
	D6	Smith, K., et al., <i>Psychopharmacology</i> (2001) 155:86-90.
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